World Maritime Day today

UNB, Dhaka

World Maritime Day will be observed in the country today as elsewhere in the world.

International Maritime Organisation (IMO): Safer shipping de- drug smuggling. mands a safety culture. Marking the day, President lajuddin Ahmed and Prime Minister aware of sea safety and develop-

Khaleda Zia gave separate messages. In his message, the president and commerce and collection of

said that keeping the seaway -fish and mineral resources.

Light rain likely

some major cities and towns yesterday were:

Light rain or drizzle is likely at one or two places over Dhaka, Rajshahi

and Sylhet divisions and the regions of Jessore and Kushtia during the

over the country, Met Office said, adding that night temperature may

recorded at Jessore and the lowest of 16.6 degree at Srimongal.

Temperature

in Celsius

32.0

29.5

30.5

31.8

30.5

Weather may remain mainly dry with partly cloudy sky elsewhere

Yesterday's highest temperature of 32.2 degree Celsius was

The sun sets in the capital at 5:19 pm today and rises at 6:06 am

The highest and lowest temperature and humidity recorded in

Min

20.0

20.2

19.0

20.0

.18.8

20.2

20.0

Humidityin

percentage

Morning Evening

62

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tomorrow.

City/Town

Chittagong

Cox's Bazar

Dhaka

Rajshahi

Khulna

Barisal

Sylhet

next 12 hours till 6pm today.

remain nearly unchanged.

peaceful is an important matter for safe trade and commerce, and the movement of river vessels.

He underscored the need for sincere cooperation of all and This year's theme of the day is effective steps to keep the seaway free from terrorism, piracy and Central Jail in 1975.

All concerned would have to be ment of its overall environment for smooth prosecution of trade

> Awami League will hoist the national and party flags at halfmast as well as black flags at party

The party will also hold a discussion at the premises of Bangabandhu Bhaban at 3 pm. Awami League President Sheikh Hasina will preside.

AL leader killed in road accident

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Syed Abul Hossain Khwaja, an Awami League leader, died in a road accident at Sonargaon in Narayanganj district yesterday.

The accident occurred when he was returning to Dhaka in a microbus along with the members of his family after attending qulkhwani of his cousin at Sonar-

A Dhaka-bound highway bus from Lakkhipur hit the microbus from behind and Khwaja was injured critically. He was rushed to Dhaka Medi-

cal College Hospital where the onduty doctor declared him dead. His body has been kept in the

morgue for autopsy today. Khwaja left behind his wife,

two sons and a daughter. He lost the last parliamentary election from Sundarganj constituency under Gaibandha dis-

11 Party protests army raid

UNB, Dhaka

PHOTO: STAR

The left-leaning 11-party yesterday protested the army raids at the houses of its leaders and workers, and arrest of party men in the name of curbing crimes across the country.

In a statement, the party said the army men raided the Fultala house of Hafizur Rahman Bhuivan, coordinator of Khulna 11 party and Khulna district general secretary of Workers Party, on October 30 night.

The army personnel also ar rested Advocate Moizuddin, vicepresident of Lalmonirhat district unit of Bangladesh Communist Party, after raiding his house on the same night.

The party demanded immediate end to political harassment and release of its leaders.

Tuition

Jail Killing Day tomorrow

UNB, Dhaka

Awami League will observe the Jail Killing Day tomorrow to pay homage to the four national leaders who were killed inside Dhaka

After the tragic episode of August 15, some disgruntled army men gunned down Syed Nazrul Islam, Tajuddin Ahmed, M Qamaruzzaman and Capt. M Mansur Ali, the architects of the country's independence.

offices and wear black badges.

The day's programmes also include garlanding the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, placing wreaths at the graves of the national leaders at Banani graveyard and offering fateha and organising milad mahfils and special prayers.

15 lakh blind in country

BSS, Dhaka

children.

The number of blind people in the country stands at around 15 lakh including 10 lakh with cornea infection and 5 lakh having other diseases

Mohammad Nuruzzaman Khan, joint secretary of health and family welfare ministry, said this at a press conference attended by Ruhul Amin Majumder, president of Sandhani, noted physicians Major General A H M Motiur Rahman, Dr. S H N Abu Fatta, Dr Monilal Aich and Dr Amaduddin, director (Hospital) of the Health Directorate.

Held at the Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium yesterday in observance of National Voluntary Blood Donation and Posthumous Eye Donation Day across the present need for blood is three transfusion.

1.5 lakh bags are managed from manity that prevails above all." professional blood donors.

The Utsa Bangladesh organised a cultural function at a city hotel on Thursday to raise funds for the destitute

at the press conference, Nuruzzaman Khan said though 10 lakh blinds have cornea trouble, only Of the collected cornea, only 58 were collected from posthumous tion of blood and eye. donation.

He said under the Voluntary Cornea Donation Programme commitments of 34,000 people were recorded for collection of posthumous cornea. Besides, 1,550 cornea were collected from unclaimed bodies, he added.

Speakers at the press conference said it was essential to collect blood from voluntary donors incountry today, the press confer- stead of procuring from profesence stated that the country's sional donors to ensure safe blood

The slogan of the day this year Of these, 1.5 lakh bags are col- is "It would be proved through lected through voluntary blood voluntary blood and eve donation ranged throughout the country.

donation sessions while the rest that there is nothing except hu-In observance of the day,

While reading out a statement Shandhani Central Committee and Sandhani National Eye Donation Samity will jointly organise elaborate programmes including 1,608 cornea were procured since discussions and rallies to motivate 1984 of which 1,484 were planted. the people and create mass awareness about voluntary dona-

A discussion will be held this morning at Shishu Academy auditorium where Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Amanullah Aman will be the chief guest.

A colourful rally will be brought out after the discussion.

Radio and TV channels will put on air special programmes while the national dailies will carry special supplements highlighting the significance of the day.

Sessions of voluntary donation of blood and eye will also be ar-

'Reforms should not widen gap between nations' BSS, Dhaka Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, any reduction of activities of

resentative of Bangladesh to the countries. United Nations, has said care gap between the developed and achievements to the people of the developing member states."

He was speaking at the Special "UN Reform" on Wednesday, ac- member states. cording to a message received here yesterday.

support for the ongoing restruc- efficiency.

turing of the Department of Public Information, he cautioned against ambassador and permanent rep- proven benefit to the developing

The UN department is responmust be taken so that "reform sible for carrying the message of efforts do not widen the existing the organisation's activities and

world. Ambassador Chowdhury also Political and Decolonisation called for increased resources to Committee of the UN General be provided to the department to Assembly during a debate on the meet the demands placed ion it by

The restructuring is a part of the ongoing reform of the UN While expressing Bangladesh's system in order to enhance its

Closing ceremony

The closing and prize distribution ceremony of National Primary Education Week 2002 will be held with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia as chief guest. Venue: Osmani Memorial auditorium. Time: 11.00am.

Convocation

The sixth convocation ceremony of North South University will be held with President Prof lajuddin Ahmed as chief guest. Venue: Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Sher-e-Banglanagar. Time: 10.00am.

Russian ballets

The Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen two ballet films titled The Nutcracker' and 'Anna Karenina' Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 7.00pm respectively.

Discussion

A discussion on 'Cooperatives for socioeconomic development' will be held on the occasion of the National Cooperatives Day with LGED and Cooperatives Minister Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan as chief guest. Venue: BCIC auditorium, Dilkusha. Time: 9.00am.

IUBAT seminar

International University of Business, Agriculture and Technology (IUBAT) will organise a seminar on 'Leadership Development' with Indian visiting professor Dr Venkatasubramanian as guest speaker. Venue: IUBAT campus, Dhanmondi. Time: 4.00pm.

The annual general meeting of the Assistance for Blind Children (ABC) will be held. Venue: 19/1, Monipuripara, Tejgaon. Time: 3.30pm.

BLLA conference

A conference of Bangladesh Launch Labour Association (BLLA) will be held. Venue: Dhaka District Sports Association auditorium, Motijheel. Time: 10.30am.

Rabirashmi

An evening of Tagore song and a reception for noted singer Wahiduil Haq has been arranged on the occasion of the 4th anniversary of Rabirashmi. Venue: Shishu Academy auditorium. Time: 6.00pm.

Manipuri dance

The High Commission of India will present an evening of Manipuri dance to Eskaton. Time: 4.00pm.

be rendered by Kalavati Devi and her group. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi. Time: 6.30pm.

AIUB games

The inaugural ceremony of first interprivate university games, organised by American International University, Bangladesh (AlUB), will be held with Communications Minister Nazmul Huda as chief guest. Venue: Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium, Mirpur. Time: 3.30pm.

Roundtable

Bangladesh Institute of Labour Studies (BILS) organises a roundtable on professional health and security with Minister for Industry M K Anwar as chief guest. Venue: CIRDAP auditorium, Topkhana Road. Time: 10.00am.

TOMORROW

Russian films

The Zahir Raihan Film Society will screen a ballet film titled 'Spartacus' directed by Tchaikovsky and a feature film titled 'Anna Pavlova' directed by Emil Lotianu. Venue: Russian Cultural Centre, Dhanmondi. Time: 5.00pm and 6.30pm respectively.

WB films

The Chalachitram Film Society will screen a West Bengal film titled 'Samadhan' directed by Premendra Mitra. Venue: High Commission of India Cultural Centre, Satmasjid Road, Dhanmondi-Time: 6:00pm!

> Shopping Festival and Trade Fair 2003, organised by Inscope Middle East LLC of Dubai, will be held with Commerce Minister Amir Khosru Mahmud Chowdhury as chief quest. Venue: Hotel Purbani International. Time: 10.00am.

> The inaugural ceremony of first national conference of Bangladesh Society of Neurosurgeons will be held with Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Khandaker Mosharraf Hossain as chief guest. Venue: Hotel Sheraton. Time: 9.00am.

BGBA meeting



The Women's Welfare association of Dhanmondi Officers' Quarters took out a procession in the city yesterday to raise awareness about environmental pollution.

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By order of the Board

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Date: 2.11.2002

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Date: 02-11-2002

Company Secretary

13,000 km power lines installed in rural areas

BSS, Dhaka

The rural electrification programme achieved a commendable success with installation of 13,000 km power lines and 21 power sub-year. stations in rural areas over the last one-year of the present govern-

types of 6,75,920 power connections with electrification of 3,278 villages, computerised billing system in 11 rural electrification associations and reconnection of 3,34,967 snapped power lines after realisation of outstanding bills have been given, sources of the ministry of power, energy and mineral resources told the news agency yesterday.

electrification associations has

During the period, the sources Board (REB) has realised Tk production and trade and busi-1,312.29 crore as electricity bills out of the total Tk 1,320.246 crore.

completed on schedule out of the

total 11 REB projects and one

ernment management. Besides, four investment projects and three technical projects have been included in the current budget out of the total five investment projects and four technical projects sent to the planning commission for approval, the sources said.

The government has undertaken a base-line survey work under a master plan in the hill districts, which is expected to be implemented in the coming fiscal

The government during the last one year signed agreements with World Bank, IDB, ADB and the At the same time, different Netherlands for 267 million dollar as loans and grants for rural electrilication programme.

'Rural electricity network to be further expanded'

BSS, Dhaka

Communications Minister Barris-According to a report of power ter Nazmul Huda yesterday said division, the system loss of 67 rural the present government had undertaken steps to expand rural come down to 16.5 per cent from electricity network by further 17.70 per cent during the last one strengthening the Rural Electrification Board (REB).

"The rural electrification has in said, the Rural Electrification fact boosted the agriculture, food ness vibrating the entire rural economy over the last 25 years," Besides, implementation of he said while addressing a functwo investment projects have tion marking the silver jubilee celebration of Dhaka Palli Bidyut Samity-2 at Nababganj.

technical project under the gov-He said the government had taken measures to expand the rural electricity network to boost the development process.

The minister recalled that late president Ziaur Rahman launched the country's first ever rural electrification programme on October 29, 1977 to improve the life of rural | しゅうとか people.

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